

ick county, six Delegates; Harford county, four Delegates; Howard county, two Delegates, Kent county, two Delegates; Montgomery county, three Delegates; Prince George's county, three Delegates; Queen Anne's county, two Delegates; Saint Mary's county, two Delegates; Somerset county, three Delegates; Talbot county, two Delegates; Washington county, five Delegates and Worcester county, three Delegates.

SEC. —. That as soon as may be, after the taking and publishing the next National Census, or after the enumeration of the population of this State, under the authority thereof, there shall be an apportionment of representation in the House of Delegates, to be made on the following basis, to wit: Each of the several counties of the State having a population of eighteen thousand souls, or less, shall be entitled to two Delegates; and every county having a population of over eighteen thousand and less than twenty-eight thousand souls, shall be entitled to three Delegates; and every county having a population of twenty-eight thousand and less than forty thousand souls, shall be entitled to four Delegates; and every county having a population of forty thousand and less than fifty-five thousand souls, shall be entitled to five Delegates; and every county having a population of fifty-five thousand, and less than seventy-five thousand souls, shall be entitled to six Delegates; and every county having a population of seventy-five thousand souls and upwards, shall be entitled to seven Delegates, and no more; and each of the three Legislative Districts of the city of Baltimore, shall be entitled to the number of Delegates to which the largest county shall or may be entitled under the foregoing appointment. And the General Assembly shall have power to provide by law, from time to time, for altering and changing the boundaries of the three existing Legislative Districts of the city of Baltimore, so as to make them as near as may be, of equal population, but said Districts shall always consist of contiguous territory.

SEC. —. That immediately after the taking and publishing the next National Census, or after any State enumeration of population as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Governor, then being, to arrange the representation in said House of Delegates, in accordance with the apportionment herein provided for, and to declare by proclamation, the number of Delegates to which each county and the city of Baltimore may be entitled under such apportionment; and after every National Census taken thereafter, or after any State enumeration of population thereafter made, it shall be the duty of the Governor, for the time being to make no similar adjustment of representation, and to declare the same by proclamation as aforesaid.

Which was read a first time.